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ECONOMIC INTELLIGENCE COMMITTEE  
SUBCOMMITTEE ON TRANSPORTATION

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Meeting convened at 1000 hours.

There were present:

Mr. Earl Cox	Army, Chairman
Mr. Frank E. Ambroster	Air Force
Is. Col. Herbert P. Brann	USATIA
Mr. Lawrence E. Brice, Jr.	Navy
Mr. Ralph H. Foley	Army
Cmdr. Ross R. Hirshfeld	USN
Capt. Donald H. Lanier	JCS
Mr. Frank McCaffrey	Defense
Mr. Martin J. McMahon	Maritime
Dr. Gifford P. Orwen	Air Force
Dr. Gustav Pollaczek	State
Mr. Harold F. Smith	Army
Mr. Wm. T. Staats	Air Force
Mr. P. S. Strasburg, Jr.	Navy

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Report of the Chairman

1. Information: Mr. Cox reported that although there had not been a meeting of the Subcommittee since last September various members of the group had been busy on matters of common concern during this period. Mr. Cox announced that Mr. Herbert Ashton, who was a charter member of the Subcommittee representing the Department of Commerce, retired from government service on 1 January 1958. In view of the interest displayed by Dr. Ashton in the Subcommittee on Transportation and the contribution made by Dr. Ashton to the work of the Subcommittee, Mr. Cox suggested that it would be appropriate to send Dr. Ashton a letter of appreciation.

2. Action: The Secretary of the Subcommittee was directed to prepare a letter of appreciation to be sent to Dr. Ashton by the Chairman of the Subcommittee.

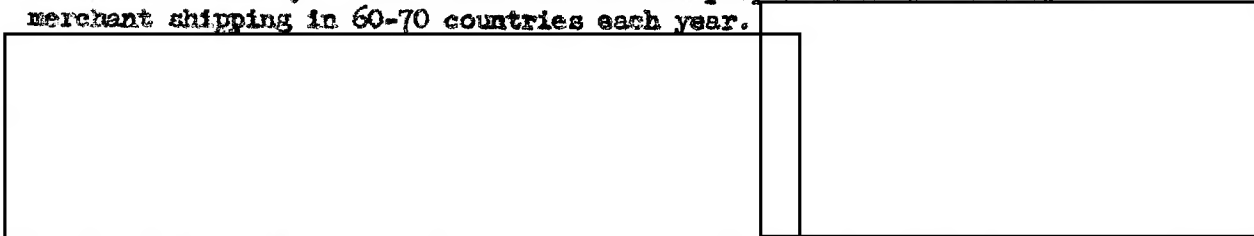
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The Report of the Secretary

3. Information: The Secretary called to the attention of the Subcommittee a memorandum received from the Executive Secretary of the Economic Intelligence Committee regarding the revision in security classification of EIC designation. A copy of this memorandum is attached to these minutes for the convenience of the membership.

Discussion of the Research Programs with the Member Agencies

4. Information: Mr. Strasburg, ONI, led off this discussion by presenting a status report on the production of Section 36, Merchant Marines, Chapter III, of the NIS. He announced that Section 36 would be fully completed in its initial stage during 1958 and that during 1959 the program would proceed on a maintenance basis. He said that a good deal of attention was now being given to the schedule on the maintenance of Section 36. Another problem in this field was the proposal that Chapter I of the NIS be issued annually. This would involve the preparation of a survey of merchant shipping in 60-70 countries each year.



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Lt. Colonel Brann reported next on the Army participation in the NIS program. For the convenience of the membership there is attached the USAFIA schedule of NIS production for the railroad, highway and inland waterway sections of Chapter III. Colonel Brann also mentioned briefly the work being done by the Army on Section 35, Ports, and Naval Facilities, and noted the contribution being made by ONI on naval facilities and shipyards to this section.

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[ ] stated that the Transportation Branch of ORR had gone through a slight reorganization; there are now 4 sections in the branch. There are three regional sections dealing with inland transportation in the three major areas of the Bloc: USSR, Far East, and European Satellites. The fourth section, called International Operations, is responsible for Sino-Soviet Bloc merchant shipping and civil aviation. He said further that considerable thought had been given to the long term research objectives of the Transportation Branch and they were now well-established.

The main purpose of transportation research in ORR is to establish the capability of transportation in the Sino-Soviet Bloc and to define and evaluate the relationship of transportation to the economies of these countries, regions within these countries, and the Sino-Soviet Bloc as a whole. Another important objective in transportation research is to identify and measure those fields of transportation that potentially may provide a competitive threat to the West. In connection with the latter objective, a study is proceeding on Bloc civil aviation. [ ] reviewed briefly the studies recently distributed by ORR and the distribution schedule for the balance of this fiscal year.

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All members of the Subcommittee indicated considerable interest in the relationship of transportation to US and USSR ICBM and IRBM programs. Mr. Coxe and Mr. Armbruster will attempt to arrange a meeting, that will be open to the membership of the Subcommittee, on logistic problems associated with these programs. The membership of the Subcommittee was invited to attend this meeting and will be informed of the date and place of the meeting.

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Status of Exchange Visits with the USSR in the Field of Transportation

7. Information: The Secretary informed the Subcommittee that the Association of American Railroads has agreed to sponsor an exchange visit with the USSR in the field of railroad transportation. The Department of State appears willing to proceed with this exchange and it may be possible

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to accomplish such an exchange this year. Very little progress, however, has been made to date for exchanges in the fields of highway transportation and civil aviation.

Work Program of the Subcommittee on Transportation

8. Information: The membership of the Subcommittee appeared to feel that more frequent meetings of the Subcommittee would be desirable and that an active work program should be devised.

9. Action: It was agreed that the Subcommittee should meet at least once each month and that the next meeting should be no later than the last week in March at which time further discussion of the work program of the Subcommittee would take place.

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Report of the Chairman of the Working Group on Highway Capability

11. Information: Mr. Smith reported for the group that a draft paper on methodology for computing highway capability would be completed within two weeks.

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Secretary

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**ECONOMIC INTELLIGENCE COMMITTEE**

Control No. 485802  
EIC-D-79/3  
3 February 1958

**MEMORANDUM FOR:** EIC Representatives of the IAC Agencies  
**SUBJECT:** Revision in Security Classification of EIC  
Designation  
**REFERENCE:** EIC-D-79/2, dated 20 January 1958

The EIC representatives of the IAC Agencies concurred, by interim action on 29 January 1958, in the proposal that the security classification for indications of affiliation of a particular individual with a single subcommittee or working group of the EIC be changed from ~~SECRET~~ to CONFIDENTIAL.



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USATIA SCHEDULED NIS PRODUCTION

USSR (M)\*

Rail - Dec 58  
Highway - Dec 59

BULGARIA (M)

Rail - April 58  
Highway - Nov 58  
IWW - Mar 60

CZECHOSLOVAKIA (M)

Highway - Submitted  
IWW - Feb 59

POLAND (M)

Highway - Submitted  
Port - Feb 59  
Rail - April 60

HUNGARY (M)

Rail - Nov 58  
IWW - Nov 59  
Highway - Mar 60

RUMANIA (M)

Ports - April 58  
Rail - Nov 59

YUGOSLAVIA (M)

IWW - April 60

NORTH KOREA

IWW - Submitted Dec 57  
Highway - April 59  
Rail - May 59

COM CHINA (M)

IWW - Mar 60

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